



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Bluffton Elementary

Beaufort County

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 1,045

Principal: Ms. Christine Wright

Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale

Board Chair: Fred Washington

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Good	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Good	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	Good	Silver	Met	N/A

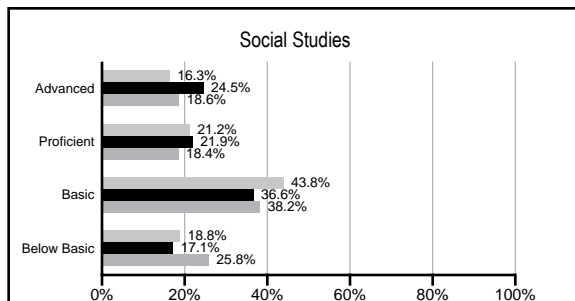
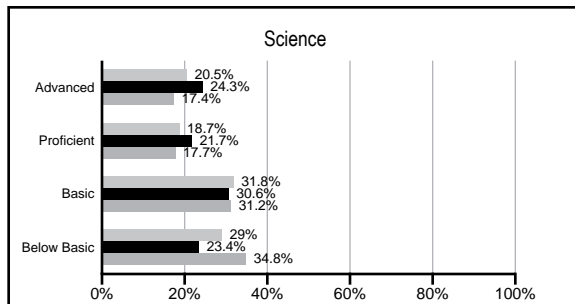
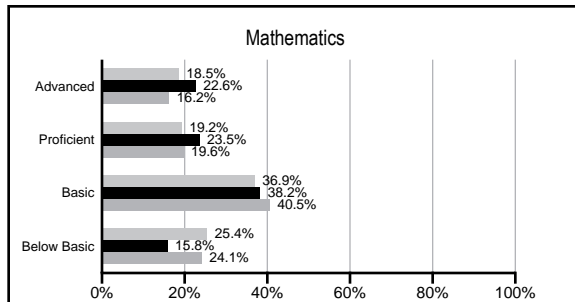
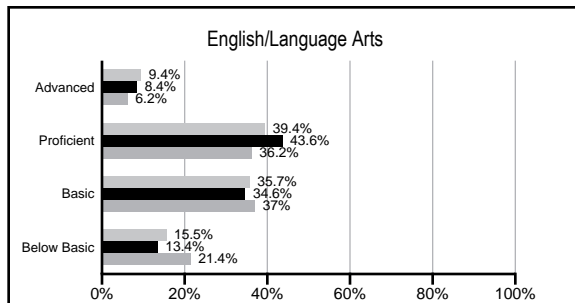
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	33	54	1	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

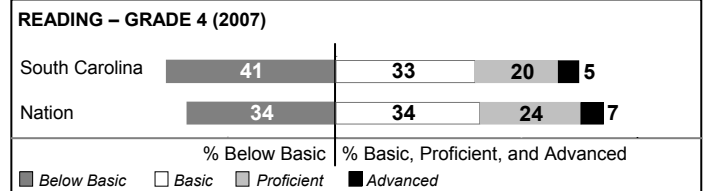
PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=1,045)				
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 2.1%	1.8%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Down from 96.9%	96.5%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	18.3%	Down from 21.3%	16.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	4.1%	Up from 3.3%	6.5%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=81)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.1%	Up from 45.8%	61.3%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	56.8%	Down from 62.5%	80.6%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.8%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.6%	Up from 83.2%	88.7%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 93.9%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$43,383	Up 0.4%	\$46,853	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	14.4%	Up from 13.0%	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	0.0	Down from 8.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.8 to 1	Down from 21.4 to 1	19.5 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.1%	Up from 89.6%	89.8%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,788	Down 0%	\$6,545	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	74.1%	Up from 72.7%	69.7%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	70.9%	Up from 68.9%	66.5%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	79.3%		90.5%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	67	130	105
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.9%	83.1%	82.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.0%	84.6%	85.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.0%	86.6%	74.5%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Another school year has drawn to a close. We have seen changes in our upper administration this year. Dr. Corley moved on to a district position. Our assistant principal moved up to the principal level. We hired a new assistant principal, Ms. Melissa Vogt.

Our dance groups, singers, and Drum and Flag team have been very busy this year as well. They have entertained our students, staff, parents, and community on several occasions, including parades, educational conventions, grand openings, and tree lightings. We completed the on-campus walk and bike pathways to allow our students to safely move about campus. Our kindergarten and first graders celebrated Dr. Seuss Day with a Mom and Dad "Green Eggs and Ham" breakfast. The Gifted and Talented students continue to receive high honors in WordMasters, Continental Math league, and the Duke Tip program.

Academically, our students continue to improve. We saw steady gains in our MAP test scores. This year we focused on the weak strand areas for our before/after school programs. Students attended the programs that were specific to their areas of need. This approach was successful in helping students achieve their goals.

We know that the 2008-2009 school year will be the best yet!

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